

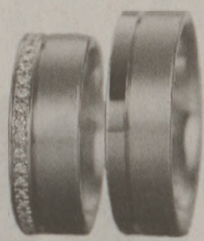
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# CAMPUS Couture

with Lauren Smith

When Luther Vandross sang "Timeless," he wasn't singing about his lady friend; the subject of his song must have been nothing else but a fabulous pair of cowboy boots, for these leather creations have never gone out of style. Cowboy boots just sit back, exuding a certain coolness as other boot fads quickly come and go, such as the go-go boots of the 1960s or spiky ankle boots of the 1980s.

It isn't just the handsome, stoic Marlboro man who can pull off the look. From bright colors to floral designs, there is the perfect boot that will meet anyone's style needs. When I walked into the King Ranch Store in Kingsville, Texas, I was immediately drawn to a two-tone pair of boots decorated with red roses from the top to the bottom. My kid in a candy store excitement soon plummeted as I picked up the little masterpiece to find a \$425 price tag.

The price is obviously high, but the same pair of boots on BootBarn.com sold for almost half the price. Another good Web site for boots is Sheplers.com, which also has competitive prices on western boots.

Although western boots definitely reign, one boot trend that has been around longer than most

predicted are the furry, Eskimo-like, Uggs from Australia.

From making Oprah's coveted *Favorite Things* list two years in a row to long lists at Nordstrom, these boots, which now come in many colors, have taken America by storm. They are definitely not necessary in Texas, but it never snows and is rarely below 40 degrees. But, I must admit, I own a pair, and they might be worth it. It honestly feels like you're walking on air due to the sheep fur that lines the inside of the boot.

It is easier to find a pair now, since it's no longer winter. From eBay to department stores in Australia, a pair of Uggs requires a crafty shopper. The Internet is the best place to go to find a pair. But, it is a risk to buy them now for the winter season, as it could be merely a passing trend.

Investing in a pair of cowboy boots is probably a better bet because they are sure to never go out of style. Girls are sure to be a hit, especially in this town, if they match their new boots with a mini-skirt and jean jacket. And guys, even if you have a face only a mother could love or the look of Jack Black, you will look good in a pair of western boots, as they seem to give you that air of confidence and rugged masculinity.

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### Grand jury selection begins in Michael Jackson case

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Dozens of prospective grand jurors arrived at an assembly room Thursday so court officials could begin selecting a panel to hear evidence in the child molestation case against Michael Jackson.

Court officials struggled to maintain secrecy about the grand jury's activities, which are usually confidential. Several reporters and news crews arrived hours before prospective grand jurors.

An order issued by Superior Court Judge Clifford R. Anderson III on Wednesday barred news crews from photographing or speaking to prospective grand jurors and members of the final panel.

Jackson, whose Neverland estate is in Santa Barbara County, was charged late last year with seven counts of committing lewd or lascivious acts upon a child under age 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent to the child.

#### Eminem's ex-wife back in jail after leaving program

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Eminem's ex-wife was back behind bars after Macomb County authorities said she dropped out of a court-ordered drug treatment program.

Kimberly Mathers was released from jail March 12 to attend the program after being convicted of using cocaine while on probation.

Macomb County Circuit Judge Edward Servitto on Feb. 12 ordered her to serve 30 days in the county jail and then transfer to an outpatient substance abuse treatment program for an additional 90 days.

"For whatever reason, she left the program," Capt. John Roberts, the jail commander, told The Detroit News for a Thursday story. "For now, it's ordered by the judge that she complete her sentence in jail."

Mathers was sentenced Jan. 21 to two years probation after pleading guilty to charges of possessing 25 grams or less of cocaine and giving adequate space to an emergency vehicle.

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